

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
IN RE APPLICATION OF: NORBERT MILLER, ET AL.
FOR: METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATION OF ALLOCATION PROCESSES FOR
PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 02031

Sir:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please preliminary
amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 4 and 5, please insert --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, between lines 8 and 9, please insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE
RELATED ART--.

Page 2, between lines 3 and 4, please insert --SUMMARY OF THE
INVENTION--.

Page 7, between lines 3 and 4, please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE
DRAWINGS--.

Page 7, between lines 9 and 10, please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

Please delete page 12 in its entirety.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.

Claim 2, line 1, please change “characterized in that” to --wherein--.

Claim 10, line 1, please change “characterized in that” to --wherein--.

Please rewrite the following claims in amended form.

Claim 3. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is a mobile radio
telephone network system.

Claim 4. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is a local-area radio
network.

Claim 5. (Amended). Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the identification code for a particular use is issued for a
limited area or time.

Claim 6. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is enabled by the user.

Claim 7. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the non-contact code verification is accomplished by
optical means.

Claim 8. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1,
[characterized in that] wherein the code provided by the user for transmission and/or
verification purposes is released by selective activation.

Claim 9. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that the] wherein data-transfer, availability-checking, reservation and allocation or assignment processes are performed with an aid of a central mainframe processing system.

Claim 11. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that] wherein the user employs the method for reserving parking space in park garage systems and obtaining access to the parking space thus reserved.

Claim 12. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that], wherein, under utilization of a code and of an information related to its use, an accounting statement is automatically generated.

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the above-identified amendments which conform the claims to U.S. practice. No new matter is being introduced by this Amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the specification and the original claims.

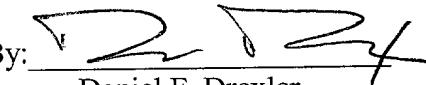
Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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